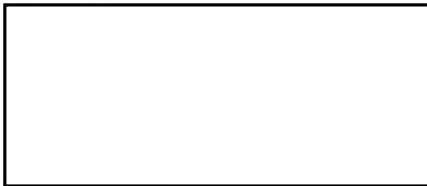


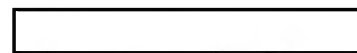
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*Cuba: (Carlos Franqui, editor of the Havana daily Revolucion and for nearly ten years a close Castro associate, appears thoroughly disillusioned with developments in Cuba. [redacted])

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(Franqui's Revolucion, originally the official organ of Castro's 26 of July Movement, has been regarded as the newspaper most accurately reflecting Castro's own views. Recently, however, there have been indications that its chief competitor, Hoy, is gaining in official favor.)

(Hoy, which was founded and is still largely staffed by members of Cuba's prerevolutionary Communist Party, celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary on 16 May amid a lavish display of official favor. Raul Castro, in a message to Blas Roca, Hoy's director and Cuba's leading veteran Communist, implied that Hoy is to become the official organ of Cuba's new political machine, the United Party of the Socialist Revolution.)

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*South Vietnam: Government troops and Buddhist demonstrators again clashed in the northern city of Hué on 3 June.

A number of people were injured by tear gas, which was used to disperse a crowd of some 500 youths before the government delegate's office. The American consul in Hué reported 67 people had appeared at the local hospital for treatment. He said popular resentment was increasingly directed toward the army, which had borne the brunt of controlling the demonstrations.

By evening, the city, which was under martial law, was quiet but tense. The consul believes new demonstrations are likely.

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*Common Market: (The Common Market's decision last week to increase the import levy on poultry reflected not only strong pressures from the various European farm lobbies, but also growing bureaucratic confusion within the organization itself.)

(The agricultural ministers of the Six acted on 30 May to raise the levy in the absence of, and apparently even without the knowledge of, the foreign ministers who were attending another EEC meeting. Aware of the strong reaction the increase would provoke in the US, the foreign ministers attempted to rectify the matter on 31 May, but sources claim West Germany vetoed action--evidently because this would have delayed reduction in French and Belgian poultry subsidies, which are hurting the German producer.)

(The increasing tendency for ministers representing particular economic interests to make decisions without regard to over-all community interests--and sometimes at variance with positions held by their governments--is causing concern in the EEC. Foreign Minister Schroeder, who in particular has deplored this tendency, did not attend the ministerial meetings, and Erhard, who was the highest ranking West German representative, left Brussels before the poultry decision was made.)

(Moreover, despite the importance of the other issues discussed at the meetings--e.g., farm policy in general, relations with Britain, Austrian association--the Dutch and Belgian foreign ministers were also not present.)

Yugoslavia-Germany: (Yugoslavia, in talks with West Germany, has offered to use its influence with the nonaligned states to discourage their diplomatic recognition of East Germany.)

(The offer came in discussions in Vienna in mid-May, during which Belgrade and Bonn agreed to begin negotiation of their economic problems on 18 June in Belgrade.)

(Yugoslav - West German relations have been cool since 1957, when Yugoslavia, interested in maintaining its rapprochement with the Soviet bloc, became the only nonbloc state to grant full diplomatic recognition to East Germany. Now, however, Belgrade strongly desires West German financial assistance and needs Bonn's support for talks with the Common Market.)

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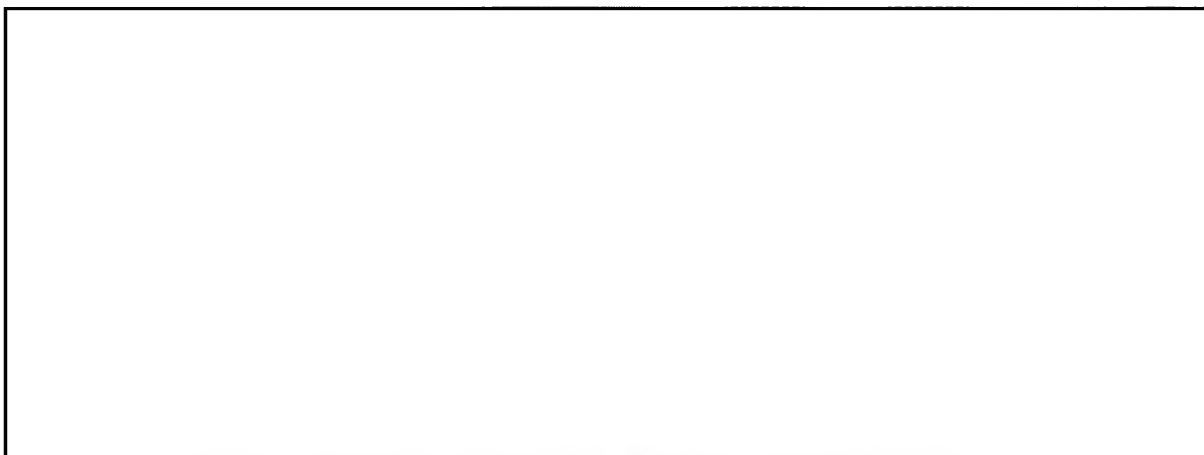
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Italy: Premier-designate Moro's consultations on the formation of a new coalition government are still only in the opening phase. Christian Democrats, in the meantime, are gloomy because the Socialists are insisting on a commitment for legislation to establish regional governments without at the same time giving any public commitment against possible Social-Communist coalitions at the regional level. The death of the Pope will also delay negotiations, and it is now highly unlikely Moro will be ready to seek a parliamentary vote of confidence before the end of June, even if he succeeds in forming a government this week.

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